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Final Leaderboard

| Pos. | Name | Score |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Chesson Hadley | 67-68-68-65—268 (-16) |
| 2 | Ted Potter, Jr. | 64-68-70-67—269 (-15) |
| | Jonathan Randolph | 67-67-66-69—269 (-15) |
| 4 | Alex Cejka | 63-68-70-69—270 (-14) |

Chesson Hadley earns second victory of the season with birdies on three of his last four at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco

Jonathan Randolph, Alex Cejka, and Tyler Duncan lock up PGA TOUR cards

BOISE, Idaho – Chesson Hadley made a late back-nine charge Sunday with birdies on three of his last four holes to secure his second victory of the season at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. Hadley entered the day five shots back of the lead but posted the round of the day with a 6-under 65 to edge Ted Potter, Jr. and Jonathan Randolph by one shot with a 16-under 268 total for his fourth career Web.com Tour victory.

“I know I came out of nowhere. No cameras showed up on me until I was on 16,” Hadley said. “Obviously every win is such a great feeling. The course was not playing easy, and I just kind of hung in there. I didn’t think 16-under would have a chance, but I’m certainly not going to give the trophy back.”

The shot of the day that ultimately won him the trophy came at the par-3 17th, where the Raleigh, North Carolina native striped his approach to a couple feet for his third consecutive birdie.

“I’ve never had a hole-in-one ever. I stand up on every par-3 and I’m going at it. I’m sending it in there, and I’m trying to make an ace,” Hadley said. “That thing was drawing in there so pretty. She was beautiful, and it looked like it came close. It was probably a few inches on the other side of the hole. I was really nervous. I didn’t feel like I hit the ball as well as I have, but I just kind of golfed my ball well enough this week. That’s the reason I won, that birdie on 17.”

With his victory and \$180,000 winner’s check, Hadley overtakes Brice Garnett for the No. 1 spot on the combined Regular Season and Finals money list with \$471,350 in the quest for fully-exempt status on the PGA TOUR next season. The 2014 Puerto Rico Open champion is also currently atop the Finals money list with two events remaining, and if he could hold on to either spot, he’d also earn an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship in May.

“Well, you know, I proved to myself that I’m good enough to play on TOUR [this season]. When you lose your card, you start thinking and you get to some pretty dark places,” Hadley said. “It’s so awesome to be going back there. I’m kind of fired up about getting that No. 1 spot. I would think this puts me back at No. 1 or around No. 1, so hopefully I can keep playing well these next two weeks and get that spot.”

Randolph, who Hadley chased down and ultimately overtook, led by two shots entering the 12th hole, but back-to-back bogeys left him one shot back despite birdies on two of his last three holes. The 29-year-old left with a victory of his own, though, in securing a return to the PGA TOUR for next season with his T2 finish.

“Obviously, that was the goal at the start of the week,” Randolph said. “I wanted to win, but I figured if I shot 4-under that’d get it done and turns out I would have won it. So yeah, to start the week with a goal of shooting 16-under for the week and shooting 15 (under), you can’t be too hard on yourself. But yeah, it feels good. I know that’s where I belong, and I proved it to myself, being able to come out here and get it done this week.”

Tyler Duncan entered the day with a two-shot lead but bogeyed four of his first 11 holes en route to a 3-over 74. Despite dropping into a tie for fifth, the 28-year-old realized a dream with a par at the last to lock up his TOUR card for the first time.

“It’s pretty unbelievable. I saw the leaderboard on 17 and was like, ‘Just make one more. I had a good look on 18, but Mike (my caddie) and I talked about it, and he figured that where we were, we were fine, so we just needed to get out of there with a par,’” Duncan said. “And after I made the par, it was something that I haven’t felt before. It’s difficult because it’s a little disappointing the way I finished, but to have this, it’s a great feeling, I’m so happy to have it.”

Alex Cejka, who has 355 career starts on TOUR, will be heading back to the TOUR next season after securing a return with a solo fourth-place finish. The 47-year-old finished 149th in the FedExCup standings and had to return to the Finals for the third time in his career.

“I played actually pretty good all year long, and It’s a bummer I had to come here for the Finals,” Cejka said. “I played OK in Columbus, didn’t finish that good, but I really was trying to play good and give myself a good chance for the next two tournaments, but it was a great week this week. Hopefully it’s enough. I think it’s enough, but we’ve still got to go two more weeks and see if we can maybe improve. The pressure is off, so I can play a little bit freer.”

Sunday Notes:

- * Sunday weather: Partly cloudy; High of 78; Wind SSE 6-12 mph.
- * Sunday weather: Partly cloudy. High of 77. Wind W/SW 7-14 mph with gusts up to 20 mph.
- * This week’s purse is \$1M with \$180,000 awarded to Hadley.
- * Hadley earns his fourth career win on the Web.com Tour in his 43rd career start. The former Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket previously won the 2013 Rex Hospital Open, 2013 Web.com Tour Championship, 2017 LECOM Health Challenge before his victory here at the Albertsons Boise Open.
- * Hadley’s victory comes at age 30 years, 2 months and 12 days.
- * Hadley’s five-shot, come-from-behind victory is the largest in the 28-year history of the Albertsons Boise Open. Keith Fergus (1994) previous largest come-from-behind victory at four.

About Chesson Hadley

HEIGHT: 6-4 WEIGHT: 160
BIRTHDATE: July 5, 1987
BIRTHPLACE: Raleigh, North Carolina
RESIDENCE: Raleigh, North Carolina
EDUCATION: Georgia Tech (2010, Business Management)
TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2010
JOINED TOUR: 2013

- * This week’s purse is \$1M with \$180,000 awarded to the champion.
- * This is the second tournament in the Web.com Tour Finals, a series of four events that will conclude at the Web.com Tour Championship in Atlantic Beach, Florida, Sept. 25-Oct. 1. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards were

awarded last week following the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz. An additional 25 cards are up for grabs during the four Finals events, as well as positioning for all 50 cards.

* After ending the Regular Season No. 27 on the money list, Rob Oppenheim has recorded a T11 at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship and a T17 at the Albertsons Boise Open. Oppenheim's \$36,650 total places him 12th on the Finals money list. In seven prior appearances in Boise, Oppenheim has never finished inside the top 20. Thursday's 6-under-par 65 is his best round at Hillcrest CC.

* England's Matthew Southgate carded rounds of 67-70-69-66—272 12-under-par for a T5 performance at the Albertson Boise Open. The 28-year-old from Southend-on-Sea made \$35,125 for his effort in Boise and is currently No. 13 on the Finals money list. Southgate, who earned enough non-member FedExCup points to qualify for the four-event series, is currently No. 24 on the European Tour's Race to Dubai.

* Canada's Adam Svensson saved his best performance of the Tour season for the Albertsons Boise Open. Svensson birdied the final two holes on Sunday for a 5-under-par 66, which moved him to into a tie for fifth place. Entering the Finals, Svensson missed two cuts but has earned \$37,937 in the first two events, which outs him on the precipice of earning his TOUR card for the first time.

* Randolph has posted a sub-70 score in his last eight rounds at Hillcrest CC. He moved to No. 6 in the Finals standings after making \$88,000 in Idaho.

* Cejka birdied the 72nd hole to break out of a five-way tie for fifth and finish solo fourth with a 25-foot putt. On Saturday, Cejka double-hit a shot on the par-4 15th made double-bogey and dropped to three off the lead. Cejka rebounded with two birdies in his final three holes and carried that momentum into the final round, where he made four birdies and two bogeys for a 2-under 69.

* This is the third year of the Finals format and it's difficult to estimate exactly how much money it will take to finish in the top-25 on the Finals money list and collect one of the remaining 25 PGA TOUR cards that will be handed out in a few weeks.

Here's how much money the No. 25 man on the money list earned in each of the past two years:

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|------|--------|----------------|-------------|
| 2013 | No. 25 | Bobby Gates | \$33,650.00 |
| 2014 | No. 25 | Eric Axley | \$36,311.66 |
| 2015 | No. 25 | Rob Oppenheim | \$32,206.00 |
| 2016 | No. 25 | Tim Wilkinson* | \$27,425.00 |

*denotes three events played (Web.com Tour Championship was cancelled)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Hillcrest Country Club:

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| R1: | 35.271 | 33.842 | 69.113 | |
| R2: | 36.321 | 34.786 | 71.107 | 70.110 |
| R3: | 35.070 | 34.099 | 69.169 | 69.796 |
| R4: | 35.485 | 34.070 | 69.915 | 69.826 |

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